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By the Queene.



He Queenes Maiestie vnderstandyng the great disorder that of late hath ben, and yet is dayly vled in and about the Cities of London and Westminister, and especially in and about Westminister hall, and the palace of Westminister, by dyuers lyght and euyl disposed persons, who in great rowtes and companies haue assembled them selues together, agaynst such as be infourmers vpon penall lawes and Statutes, commonly called promoters. And so beyng assembled, haue not onely beaten, and very euyl intreated diuers of the same infourmers: but also haue made great outcries agaynst the same persons, wherby the Courtes and places of Justice in Westminister hall, and other places thereaboutes, haue ben muche disquieted and troubled, and the Queenes Maiesties peace broken, whereof great mischief and inconuenience myght lyhely growe, yf speedy remedy be not therein prouided. Wherefore her Maiestie doth straightly charge & commaunde all persons, that they, nor any of them, do hereafter commit or do, or consent, or procure to be committed or done, any such disorder or misbehauour, by any act, deede, or wordes, openly or secretly, agaynst any such infourmers, or agaynst any other person or persons, in any the places foresayde, or in any other place within this Realme, vpon payne to suffer imprisonment of their bodies by the space of three monethes, without bayle or maynpryse and also to haue such further open punishment for theyr offences, by whippynge, standyng vpon the pyllopy, or otherwyle, as by her Maiesties Counsell of her hyghnesse Court of Starre chaumber, shalbe iudged and ordered. And further, her Maiesties pleasure & expresse commaundement is, that diligent inquirie shalbe made of such, as haue ben offendours in any the premises, to thintent that due and condigne punishment and correction may be to them ministred, accordyng to theyr offences. And that all Justices, officers, and ministers, shall in all places where suche offences shall happen hereafter to be committed, cause the offendours, theyr procurours, and abettours, to be apprehended and taken, and presently to be committed to some pryson, there to remayne in safe keepyng, vntyll they may be brought before her Maiesties sayde Counsell in the Starre chaumber, there to be ordered to such punishment, as by the sayde Counsell shalbe thought conuenient.

Deuen at her Maiesties Pallace of Westminister, the tenth day of Nouember. 1566. in the eyght yere of her Maiesties raigne.

GOD saue the Queene.

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